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Dear Ted,

I just received the message you left on the company voice mail. I understand your irritation. As I wrote in an earlier letter, I wrongly assumed you would consent to the changes Miller made. Miller made the changes because he feared they might invite an action. You said in your previous letters that you were concerned, and did not want me to get "screwed". I mistakenly thought this meant you *wanted* me to make changes that would safeguard us against that, and did so because you trusted me. I was wrong, and apologize. I am sorry.

Nothing has been printed. The bound galley that you received was a digital printout. I had it made for you, because you are not allowed hardcover books. It is the only copy in existence. No printing plates have been made. The only thing that has been made (printing film with which plates are burned) can, and will at your say-so, be destroyed at a minimal cost. Preparing new film will not be a terrible financial burden. The letter I wrote to you after receiving your letter that directed me to hold on to the book because it was not finished was written before I knew that the book had not been printed. It was a Saturday. Had the book been printed, I would have destroyed the copies. Joy can confirm that this was my plan. I am waiting for your final corrections and release. I have postponed publication with a notice on our website.

After receiving your message, I called _____ would not allow us to speak and could not pass along a message to you. I then faxed _____ (enclosed addressed to Warden per protocol) requesting a meeting or at least a phone call with Miller (no word yet), I called Quin to see if he could get word to you, and I asked Miller to call Quin to see if a legal call could be set up that way. Ted, I do not want our relationship harmed over this. Besides this breach (which I regret), I think I have performed well as your publisher. There will be no public repercussions with regard to the breach, since no copies were printed. I believed that I had your faith, and now recall in your interview that your respect is hard-earned. It was hubris for me to think that I had earned it.

Miller just called to tell me that he faxed Quin. He requested that Quin pass on the information about your book's status, and also an opportunity to discuss the legal issues that he addressed in his letter to you (facsimile copy enclosed).

* the text in question

I was thinking about posting [redacted] interview on our web site. She already said that I could, and sent me the interview via email. [redacted] has asked me why I would help her by posting it. I answered that I would not be "helping" her, but getting out important information.

[redacted] then pointed out something important. Neither of us was certain that you had given approval to the piece. So, I will wait until I hear from you that the article is acceptable. Derrick Jensen sent an email to me confirming what [redacted] had suspected: [redacted] has it in for me (enclosed). All I can say is I want my money back.* I think *she* was the hustler. She abused our hospitality. I hope John Zerzan hasn't bought her cock and bull, since I have enjoyed the two conversations that I had with him, and would also like to publish *Against Civilization*. This is the first time in my life that I have really experienced a parallel between reality and Shakespeare: [redacted] seems like Iago.

I went fishing this weekend. [redacted] took a picture out at the reservoir. If it's any good I'll send you a copy. I caught four yellow perch, which we ate on Sunday, and several very small specimens including a bass the size of your thumb (sensitive bobber)! The leaves are starting to change. There was clear fall weather over the weekend. It is raining now, and the weatherman says it will not get above 65 degrees this week... [redacted] told me it snowed already in Montana. It's snowing upstate around Lake Erie.

Finally, I have been reading the journal you sent (thank you very much), and will comment on the poetry there as well as the Yeats poem soon.

Respectfully and fondly,
Beau.

* I don't really want it back. It's just the idea that she took me for a ride that bothers me.

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Dear Ted,

I just received letters #85, 86. I will answer quickly since there is not so much time before the post office closes.

I did ^{write} ~~right~~ to you expressing a blasé attitude toward profit. I think I have also said that I would like to make money to pay for the expenses associated with the publication of *Truth versus Lies*, and even that I do want to make a profit. The truth is that I could lose money publishing your book. There is risk. The blasé attitude is my way of coping with the uncertainty. In a perfect world I would like all of the books that I publish to turn a profit. But I will not do this at the expense of quality.

When I read the second paragraph of letter #85, I was certain you had received a letter from

I can only say that she must have gotten my meanings regarding anti-tech and radicalism garbled. But I do remember what I said: It makes no sense to me when radicals gossip and engage in interior battles because they do not like a particular group's approach to a specific problem. The Earth First!ers and other groups tend to discount what others do in aid of the environment when they should be working together or at least ignoring what irritates them. In the current model, the in-fighting makes everyone look ridiculous. Not unlike the captain of your parable; they are ignored and nothing changes.

The above is most definitely my opinion. I have always prefaced anything I say to the press about you with the fact that I cannot speak for you. Even when it comes to telling people about your book, I will begin by saying that in my opinion your book is.... I do not speak as a proxy for you, and would never dream of doing it. I think there is no publicity being done that has anything to do with your book that goes beyond "what the book is about and why [I think] they should read it." I know that some journalists want to tell the story about Chase and Dubner and *Talk*. But I have declined comment whenever a journalist asks me. Also: I send you all the print publicity. As for TV, I appeared with Mello on Court TV to talk about your book and was attacked by the anchor. Mello talked about your appeal and he was responsible, at least he said nothing that did not appear already in his book. Joy told you about another interview, and the only other one was just informational. I will keep you abreast of it all when things actually

happen, and rest assured that I would never say anything (about anyone) without discretion or without the qualifier: "It is impossible to know, but it seems to me...." or something along those lines.

Dubner called earlier this morning to let me know that he had written to you. He is honest. I am sorry to report that he was calling from his sister's house where his mother has been slowly dying of heart failure. He seems to be close to her.

I do not know what [redacted] meant by big-time publicity. Perhaps that is her view of *60 Minutes*. Nothing that I would consider valid in the promotion of your book, including the above program, would go beyond the selling of your book. That is how books are sold. To reiterate from the above, I make it clear that I am not a spokesman for you or the anti-tech movement. (The same may not be true for [redacted] who seems to have a taste for the history books—specifically for a place within their covers.) I think it is a good idea for me to point out to the media that you do not endorse my opinions or the publicity associated with the book. I would add that you probably do not approve of the publicity in general because your audience consists of like-minded people, and they will find your book regardless.

I hope you understand that I care very much about you, and that I would not knowingly do anything that might compromise your integrity. Now, it is off to the post office!

Sandy,
Beau.

P.S. Ulveman called me today. He wants to interview you. What's new? I told him that I would pass on the word to you.

P.S.² : There was a stupid "expose" in New York magazine .
I did not know about it until it was published . It included ,
or rather featured , a test (true/false) called MMPI. (enclosed)